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1 **SECTION 30.** 6.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.28 (1) REGISTRATION LOCATIONS; DEADLINE. Except as authorized in ss. 6.29,
3 6.55 (2), and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., registration in person for any election shall close at 5 p.m.
4 on the ~~2nd~~ 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. Registrations made by mail under
5 s. 6.30 (4) must be delivered to the office of the municipal clerk or postmarked no later
6 than the ~~2nd Wednesday~~ 3rd Wednesday preceding the election. ~~An application for~~
7 ~~registration in person or by mail may be accepted for placement on the registration~~
8 ~~list after the specified deadline, if the municipal clerk determines that the~~
9 ~~registration list can be revised to incorporate the registration in time for the election.~~
10 All applications for registration corrections and additions may be made throughout
11 the year at the office of the city board of election commissioners, at the office of the
12 municipal clerk, ~~at the office of any register of deeds~~ at the office of the county clerk,
13 or at other locations provided by the board of election commissioners or the common
14 council in cities over 500,000 population or by either or both the municipal clerk, or
15 the common council, village or town board in all other municipalities and may also
16 be made during the school year at any high school by qualified persons under sub.
17 (2) (a). Other registration locations may include but are not limited to fire houses,
18 police stations, public libraries, institutions of higher education, supermarkets,
19 community centers, plants and factories, banks, savings and loan associations and
20 savings banks. Special registration deputies shall be appointed for ~~all locations~~ each
21 location unless the location can be sufficiently staffed by the board of election
22 commissioners or the municipal clerk or his or her deputies. An elector who wishes
23 to obtain a confidential listing under s. 6.47 (2) shall register at the office of the
24 municipal clerk of the municipality where the elector resides.

25 **SECTION 31.** 6.28 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

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1 **SECTION 32.** 6.28 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

2 6.28 (4) AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. Any person shall be given an
3 opportunity to register to vote at the office of the county clerk for the county in which
4 the person's residence is located. An applicant may complete the required
5 registration form under s. 6.33. Unless the county clerk performs registration
6 functions for the municipality where the elector resides under s. 6.33 (5) (b), the
7 county clerk shall forward the form submitted by an elector to the appropriate
8 municipal clerk, or to the board of election commissioners in cities over 500,000
9 population within 5 days of receipt. The clerk shall forward the form immediately
10 whenever registration closes within 5 days of receipt.

11 **SECTION 33.** 6.29 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.29 (1) No names may be added to a registration list for any election after the
13 close of registration, except as authorized under this section or s. ~~6.28 (1)~~, 6.55 (2),
14 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. Any person whose name is not on the registration list but who is
15 otherwise a qualified elector is entitled to vote at the election upon compliance with
16 this section.

17 **SECTION 34.** 6.29 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 6.29 (2) (a) Any qualified elector of a municipality who has not previously filed
19 a registration form or whose name does not appear on the registration list of the
20 municipality may register after the close of registration but not later than 5 p.m. or
21 the close of business, whichever is later, on the day before an election at the office of
22 the municipal clerk and at the office of the clerk's agent if the clerk delegates
23 responsibility for electronic maintenance of the registration list to an agent under
24 s. 6.33 (5) (b). The elector shall complete, in the manner provided under s. 6.33 (2),
25 a registration form containing all information required under s. 6.33 (1). The

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1 registration form shall also contain the following certification: “I, ..., hereby certify
2 that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at ... for
3 at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, and I have not voted at this
4 election”. The elector shall also provide acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.55
5 ~~(7) 6.34.~~ Alternatively, if the elector is unable to provide acceptable proof of residence
6 under s. 6.55 ~~(7) 6.34,~~ the information contained in the registration form shall be
7 corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector of the municipality
8 and that contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The
9 corroborating elector shall then provide acceptable proof of residence under s. 6.55
10 ~~(7) 6.34.~~ If the elector is registering after the close of registration for the general
11 election and the elector presents a valid driver’s license issued by another state, the
12 municipal clerk or agent shall record on a separate list the name and address of the
13 elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the
14 license.

15 **SECTION 35.** 6.29 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

16 6.29 (2) (am) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared
17 for use at each municipal clerk’s office showing the name and address of each person
18 whose name appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s.
19 301.03 (20) as ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located
20 in the municipality, and whose name does not appear on the registration list for that
21 municipality. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection,
22 the municipal clerk shall review the list. If the name of an elector who wishes to
23 register to vote appears on the list, the municipal clerk shall inform the elector that
24 the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector maintains that he or she is
25 eligible to vote in the election, the municipal clerk shall permit the elector to register

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1 to vote but shall mark the elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per
2 Department of Corrections." If the elector wishes to vote, the municipal clerk shall
3 challenge the elector's ballot in the same manner as provided for inspectors who
4 challenge ballots under s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

5 **SECTION 36.** 6.29 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 6.29 (2) (b) ~~Unless the municipal clerk determines that the registration list will~~
7 ~~be revised to incorporate the registration in time for the election, upon~~ Upon the
8 filing of the registration form required by this section, the municipal clerk or clerk's
9 agent under s. 6.33 (5) (b) shall issue a certificate containing the name and address
10 of the elector addressed to the inspectors of the proper ward or election district
11 directing that the elector be permitted to cast his or her vote if the elector complies
12 with all requirements for voting at the polling place. The certificate shall be
13 numbered serially, prepared in duplicate and one copy preserved in the office of the
14 municipal clerk.

15 **SECTION 37.** 6.32 (title), (1) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

16 **6.32 (title) Verification of mail certain registrations.** (1) Upon receipt
17 of a registration form ~~which~~ that is submitted by mail under s. 6.30 (4) ~~or that is~~
18 ~~submitted by a special registration deputy appointed under s. 6.26,~~ the municipal
19 clerk shall examine the form for sufficiency.

20 (4) If the form is sufficient to accomplish registration and the clerk has no
21 reliable information to indicate that the proposed elector is not qualified, the clerk
22 shall enter the elector's name on the registration list and transmit a 1st class letter
23 or postcard to the registrant, specifying the elector's ward or aldermanic district, or
24 both, if any, and polling place. The letter or postcard shall be sent within 10 days of
25 receipt of the form. If the letter or postcard is returned, or if the clerk is informed

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1 of a different address than the one specified by the elector, the clerk shall change the
2 status of the elector on the list from eligible to ineligible. The letter or postcard shall
3 be marked in accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned
4 to the clerk if the elector does not reside at the address given on the letter or postcard.

5 **SECTION 38.** 6.33 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
6 section 49b, is amended to read:

7 6.33 (1) ~~The municipal clerk shall supply sufficient registration forms as~~
8 prescribed by the board shall prescribe the format, size, and shape of registration
9 forms. All forms shall be printed on loose-leaf sheets or cards and each item of
10 information shall be of uniform font size, as prescribed by the board. The municipal
11 clerk shall supply sufficient form to meet voter registration needs. The forms shall
12 be designed to obtain from each applicant information as to name; date; residence
13 location; citizenship; date of birth; age; the number of a valid operator's license
14 issued to the elector under ch. 343 or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security
15 account number; whether the applicant has resided within the ward or election
16 district for at least 10 days; whether the applicant has lost his or her right to vote;
17 been convicted of a felony for which he or she has not been pardoned, and if so,
18 whether the applicant is incarcerated, or on parole, probation, or extended
19 supervision; whether the applicant is disqualified on any other ground from voting;
20 and whether the applicant is currently registered to vote at any other location. The
21 forms form shall also provide include a space for the applicant's signature and the
22 signature of any corroborating elector. The form shall include a space to enter the
23 name of any special registration deputy under s. 6.26 or 6.55 (6) or inspector,
24 municipal clerk, or deputy clerk under s. 6.55 (2) who obtains the form and a space
25 for the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk to sign his or her name, affirming that

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1 the deputy, inspector, clerk, or deputy clerk has accepted the form. The form shall
2 include a space for entry of the ward and aldermanic district, if any, where the elector
3 resides and any other information required to determine the offices and referenda
4 for which the elector is certified to vote. The forms form shall also include a space
5 where the clerk may record an indication of whether the form is received by mail, a
6 space where the clerk may record an indication of the type of identifying document
7 submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34, whenever required, and
8 a space where the clerk, for any applicant who possesses a valid voting identification
9 card issued to the person under s. 6.47 (3), may record the identification serial
10 number appearing on the voting identification card. Each register of deeds shall
11 obtain sufficient registration forms at the expense of the unit of government by which
12 he or she is employed for completion by any elector who desires to register to vote at
13 the office of the register of deeds under s. 6.28 (3). Each county clerk shall obtain
14 sufficient registration forms for completion by an elector who desires to register to
15 vote at the office of the county clerk under s. 6.28 (4).

16 **SECTION 39.** 6.33 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
17 section 49b, is amended to read:

18 6.33 (2) (a) All information may be recorded by any person, except that the ward
19 and aldermanic district, if any, other geographic information under sub. (1), the
20 indication of whether the registration is received by mail, the type of identifying
21 document submitted by the elector as proof of residence under s. 6.34, whenever
22 required, and any information relating to an applicant's voting identification card
23 shall be recorded by the clerk. Each applicant shall sign his or her own name unless
24 the applicant is unable to sign his or her name due to physical disability. In such case,
25 the applicant may authorize another elector to sign the form on his or her behalf. If

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1 the applicant so authorizes, the elector signing the form shall attest to a statement
2 that the application is made upon request and by authorization of a named elector
3 who is unable to sign the form due to physical disability.

4 **SECTION 40.** 6.34 of the statutes is created to read:

5 **6.34 Proof of residence required.**

6 **(2)** Except as authorized in ss. 6.29 (2) (a) and 6.86 (3) (a) 2., upon completion
7 of a registration form prescribed under s. 6.33, each elector who is required to register
8 under s. 6.27, who is not a military elector or an overseas elector and who registers
9 after the close of registration under s. 6.29 or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., shall provide an
10 identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). Each elector
11 who is required to register under s. 6.27 who is not a military elector or an overseas
12 elector who registers by mail, and who has not voted in an election in this state shall,
13 if voting in person, provide an identifying document that establishes proof of
14 residence under sub. (3) or, if voting by absentee ballot, provide a copy of an
15 identifying document that establishes proof of residence under sub. (3). If the elector
16 registered by mail, the identifying document may not be a residential lease.

17 **(3) (a)** An identifying document used to establish proof of an elector's residence
18 under sub. (2) shall contain the information required under par. (b) and is limited to
19 one of the following:

- 20 1. A current and valid operator's license issued under ch. 343.
21 2. A current and valid identification card issued under s. 343.50.
22 3. Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin
23 governmental body or unit.

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1 4. An official identification card or license issued by an employer in the normal
2 course of business that contains a photograph of the cardholder or license holder, but
3 not including a business card.

4 5. A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding
5 the date of the election.

6 6. Except as provided in sub. (2), a residential lease.

7 7. A university, college, or technical college fee or identification card that
8 contains a photograph of the cardholder. A card under this subdivision that does not
9 contain the information specified in par. (b) shall be considered proof of residence if
10 the university, college, or technical college that issued the card provides a certified
11 and current list of students who reside in housing sponsored by the university,
12 college, or technical college to the municipal clerk prior to the election showing the
13 current address of the students and if the municipal clerk, special registration
14 deputy, or inspector verifies that the student presenting the card is included on the
15 list.

16 8. A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the
17 day registration is made.

18 9. A bank statement.

19 10. A paycheck.

20 11. A check or other document issued by a unit of government.

21 (b) The identifying documents prescribed in par. (a) shall contain all of the
22 following in order to be considered proof of residence:

23 1. A current and complete name, including both the given and family name.

24 2. A current and complete residential address, including a numbered street
25 address, if any, and the name of a municipality.

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1 (c) Identifying documents specified in par. (a) which are valid for use during a
2 specified period must be valid on the day that an elector makes application for
3 registration in order to constitute proof of residence.

4 **SECTION 41.** 6.36 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.36 (1) (a) The board shall compile and maintain electronically an official
6 registration list. The list shall contain the name and address of each registered
7 elector in the state, the date of birth of the elector, the ward and aldermanic district
8 of the elector, if any, and, for each elector, a unique registration identification number
9 assigned by the board, the number of a valid operator's license issued to the elector
10 under ch. 343, if any, or the last 4 digits of the elector's social security account
11 number, if any, any identification serial number issued to the elector under s. 6.47
12 (3), the date of any election in which the elector votes, an indication of whether the
13 elector is an overseas elector, as defined in s. 6.24 (1), any information relating to the
14 elector that appears on the current list transmitted to the board by the department
15 of corrections under s. 301.03 (20), an indication of any accommodation required
16 under s. 5.25 (4) (a) to permit voting by the elector, an indication of the method by
17 which the elector's registration form was received, and such other information as
18 may be determined by the board to facilitate administration of elector registration
19 requirements.

20 **SECTION 42.** 6.36 (2) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
21 section 58b, is amended to read:

22 6.36 (2) (a) Except as provided in ~~pars. par. (b) and (e)~~, each registration list
23 prepared for use as a poll list at a polling place or for purposes of canvassing absentee
24 ballots at an election shall contain the full name and address of each registered
25 elector; a blank column for the entry of the serial number of the electors when they

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1 vote; if the list is prepared for use at an election for national office, an indication next
2 to the name of each elector for whom identification is required under par. (c) 2. or the
3 poll list number used by the municipal board of absentee ballot canvassers in
4 canvassing absentee ballots; an indication next to the name of each elector for whom
5 proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required; and a form of certificate bearing the
6 certification of the executive director of the board stating that the list is a true and
7 complete registration list of the municipality or the ward or wards for which the list
8 is prepared.

9 **SECTION 43.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. (intro.) of the statutes is renumbered 6.34 (1) (intro.)
10 and amended to read:

11 6.34 (1) (intro.) In this ~~paragraph~~ section:

12 **SECTION 44.** 6.36 (2) (c) 1. a. and b. of the statutes are renumbered 6.34 (1) (a)
13 and (b).

14 **SECTION 45.** 6.36 (2) (c) 2. of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 327,
15 is renumbered 6.36 (2) (c) and amended to read:

16 6.36 (2) (c) ~~If the registration list is prepared for use at an election for national~~
17 ~~office, the~~ The list shall contain, next to the name of each elector, an indication of
18 whether ~~identification~~ proof of residence under s. 6.34 is required for the elector to
19 be permitted to vote. ~~Identification~~ Proof of residence is required if the elector is not
20 a military elector or an overseas elector and the elector registers by mail and has not
21 previously voted in an election ~~for national office~~ in this state.

22 **SECTION 46.** 6.36 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

23 6.36 (5) After each general election, the board shall contact the chief election
24 official of each state from which an elector who voted in that election presented a
25 valid driver's license under s. 6.29 (2) (a), 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) 1., or 6.86 (3) (a) 2. for so

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1 long as the license remains valid. The board shall inquire whether the holder of the
2 driver's license voted in that election in that state.

3 **SECTION 47.** 6.36 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

4 6.36 (6) The board shall establish by rule the fee for obtaining a copy of the
5 official registration list, or a portion of the list. The amount of the fee shall be set,
6 after consultation with county and municipal election officials, at an amount
7 estimated to cover both the cost of reproduction and the cost of maintaining the list
8 at the state and local level. The rules shall require that revenues from fees received
9 be shared between the state and municipalities or their designees under s. 6.33 (5)
10 (b), and shall specify a method for such allocation.

11 **SECTION 48.** 6.50 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

12 6.50 (3) Upon receipt of reliable information that a registered elector has
13 changed his or her residence to a location outside of the municipality, the municipal
14 clerk or board of election commissioners shall notify the elector by mailing a notice
15 by 1st class mail to the elector's registration address stating the source of the
16 information. All municipal departments and agencies receiving information that a
17 registered elector has changed his or her residence shall notify the clerk or board of
18 election commissioners. If the elector no longer resides in the municipality or fails
19 to apply for continuation of registration within 30 days of the date the notice is
20 mailed, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall change the elector's
21 registration from eligible to ineligible status. Upon receipt of reliable information
22 that a registered elector has changed his or her residence within the municipality,
23 the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall transfer the elector's
24 registration and mail the elector a notice of the transfer under s. 6.40 (2). This

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subsection does not restrict the right of an elector to challenge any registration under s. 6.325, 6.48, 6.925 ~~or~~ 6.93, or 7.52 (5).

SECTION 49. 6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.55 (2) (a) 1. (form)

"I, ..., hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a qualified elector, having resided at for at least 10 days immediately preceding this election, ~~and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting,~~ and I have not voted, at this election."

SECTION 50. 6.55 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6.55 (2) (b) Upon executing the registration form under par. (a), the elector shall provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence under ~~sub. (7)~~ s. 6.34. If the elector cannot provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence, the information contained in the registration form shall be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any elector who resides in the same municipality as the registering elector and that contains the current street address of the corroborating elector. The corroborator shall then provide ~~acceptable~~ proof of residence as provided in ~~sub. (7)~~ s. 6.34. If the elector is registering to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's license issued by another state, the inspector or deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and by any corroborator shall be in the presence of the special registration deputy or inspector who shall then print his or her name on and sign the form, indicating that the deputy or inspector has accepted the form. Upon compliance with this procedure, the elector shall be permitted to cast his or her vote, if the elector complies with all other requirements for voting at the polling place.

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1 **SECTION 51.** 6.55 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

2 6.55 (2) (c) 1. As an alternative to registration at the polling place under pars.

3 (a) and (b), the board of election commissioners, or the governing body of any
4 municipality may by resolution require a person who qualifies as an elector and who

5 is not registered and desires to register on the day of an election to do so at another

6 readily accessible location in the same building as the polling place serving the

7 elector's residence or at an alternate polling place assigned under s. 5.25 (5) (b),

8 instead of at the polling place serving the elector's residence. In such case, the

9 municipal clerk shall prominently post a notice of the registration location at the

10 polling place. ~~The municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy at the~~

11 registration location shall require such person to execute The elector who desires to

12 register shall execute a registration form as prescribed under par. (a) and to provide

13 acceptable proof of residence as provided under ~~sub. (7)~~ s. 6.34. If the elector cannot

14 provide acceptable proof of residence, the information contained in the registration

15 form shall be corroborated in the manner provided in par. (b). If the elector is

16 registering to vote in the general election and the elector presents a valid driver's

17 license issued by another state, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk, or special

18 registration deputy shall record on a separate list the name and address of the

19 elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration date of the

20 license. The signing by the elector executing the registration form and by any

21 corroborator shall be in the presence of the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special

22 registration deputy. The municipal clerk, the deputy clerk, or the special registration

23 deputy shall then print his or her name and sign the form, indicating that the clerk,

24 deputy clerk, or deputy has accepted the form. Upon proper completion of

25 registration, the municipal clerk, deputy clerk or special registration deputy shall

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1 serially number the registration and give one copy to the elector for presentation at
2 the polling place serving the elector's residence or an alternate polling place assigned
3 under s. 5.25 (5) (b).

4 **SECTION 52.** 6.55 (2) (cs) of the statutes is created to read:

5 6.55 (2) (cs) The board shall provide to each municipal clerk a list prepared for
6 use at each polling place showing the name and address of each person whose name
7 appears on the list provided by the department of corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as
8 ineligible to vote on the date of the election, whose address is located in the area
9 served by that polling place, and whose name does not appear on the poll list for that
10 polling place. Prior to permitting an elector to register to vote under this subsection
11 or s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the inspectors or special registration deputies shall review the list.
12 If the name of an elector who wishes to register to vote appears on the list, the
13 inspectors or special registration deputies shall inform the elector or the elector's
14 agent that the elector is ineligible to register to vote. If the elector or the elector's
15 agent maintains that the elector is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors or
16 special registration deputies shall permit the elector to register but shall mark the
17 elector's registration form as "ineligible to vote per Department of Corrections." If
18 the elector wishes to vote, the inspectors shall require the elector to vote by ballot and
19 shall challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.79 (2) (dm).

20 **SECTION 53.** 6.55 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 6.55 (3) (a) and amended to
21 read:

22 6.55 (3) (a) Any qualified elector in the ward or election district where the
23 elector desires to vote whose name does not appear on the registration list but who
24 claims to be registered to vote in the election may request permission to vote at the
25 polling place for that ward or election district. When the request is made, the

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1 inspector shall require the person to give his or her name and address. If the elector
2 is not at the polling place which serves the ward or election district where the elector
3 resides, the inspector shall provide the elector with directions to the correct polling
4 place. If the elector is at the correct polling place, the elector shall ~~then execute the~~
5 ~~following written statement: "I, ..., hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,~~
6 ~~I am a qualified elector, having resided at for at least 10 days immediately~~
7 ~~preceding this election, and that I am not disqualified on any ground from voting, and~~
8 ~~I have not voted at this election and am properly registered to vote in this election."~~
9 ~~The person shall be required to provide acceptable proof of residence as provided~~
10 ~~under sub. (7) and shall then be given the right to vote. If the elector cannot provide~~
11 ~~acceptable proof of residence, the statement shall be certified by the elector and shall~~
12 ~~be corroborated in a statement that is signed by any other elector who resides in the~~
13 ~~municipality and that contains the current street address of the corroborating~~
14 ~~elector. The corroborator shall then provide acceptable proof of residence as provided~~
15 ~~in sub. (7). Whenever the question of identity or residence cannot be satisfactorily~~
16 ~~resolved and the elector cannot be permitted to vote, an inspector shall telephone the~~
17 ~~office of the municipal clerk to reconcile the records at the polling place with those~~
18 ~~at the office complete registration as provided in sub. (2).~~

19 **SECTION 54.** 6.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

20 6.55 (3) (b) Prior to permitting an elector to vote under this subsection, the
21 inspectors shall review the list provided by the board under sub. (2) (cs). If the name
22 of the elector appears on the list, the inspectors shall inform the elector that he or
23 she is ineligible to vote at the election. If the elector maintains that he or she is
24 eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors shall permit the elector to vote, but shall

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1 require the elector to vote by ballot, and shall challenge the ballot as provided in s.
2 6.79 (2) (dm).

3 **SECTION 55.** 6.55 (7) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 56.** 6.56 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.56 (1) The list containing the names of persons voting under ss. 6.29 and 6.55
6 (2) ~~and (3)~~ shall be returned together with all forms and certificates to the municipal
7 clerk.

8 **SECTION 57.** 6.56 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 58.** 6.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 6.56 (3) Upon receipt of the list under sub. (1), the municipal clerk or board of
11 election commissioners shall make an audit of all electors registering to vote at the
12 polling place or other registration location under s. 6.55 (2) and all electors
13 registering by agent on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2. unless the clerk or board
14 of election commissioners receives notice from the board under sub. (7) that the board
15 will perform the audit. The audit shall be made by 1st class postcard. The postcard
16 shall be marked in accordance with postal regulations to ensure that it will be
17 returned to the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections board if the
18 elector does not reside at the address given on the postcard. If any postcard is
19 returned undelivered, or if the clerk ~~or~~, board of election commissioners, or elections
20 board is informed of a different address than the one specified by the elector which
21 was apparently improper on the day of the election, the clerk ~~or~~, board of election
22 commissioners, or elections board shall change the status of the elector from eligible
23 to ineligible on the registration list ~~and~~, mail the elector a notice of the change in
24 status, and provide the name of the elector to the district attorney for the county
25 where the polling place is located.

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1 **SECTION 59.** 6.56 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

2 **6.56 (3m)** As soon as possible after all information relating to registrations
3 after the close of registration for an election is entered on the registration list
4 following the election under s. 6.33 (5) (a), the board shall compare the list of new
5 registrants whose names do not appear on the poll lists for the election because the
6 names were added after the board certified the poll lists for use at the election with
7 the list containing the names transmitted to the board by the department of
8 corrections under s. 301.03 (20) as of election day. If the board finds that the name
9 of any person whose name appears on the list transmitted under s. 301.03 (20) has
10 been added to the registration list, the board shall enter on the list the information
11 transmitted to the board under s. 301.03 (20) and shall notify the district attorney
12 that the person appears to have voted illegally at the election.

13 **SECTION 60.** 6.56 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **6.56 (4)** After each election, the municipal clerk shall ~~carefully check~~ perform
15 an audit to assure that no person has been allowed to vote more than once. Whenever
16 the municipal clerk has good reason to believe that a person has voted more than once
17 in an election, the clerk shall send the person a 1st class letter marked in accordance
18 with postal regulations to ensure that it will be returned to the clerk if the elector
19 does not reside at the address given on the letter. The letter shall inform the person
20 that all registrations relating to that person may be changed from eligible to
21 ineligible status within 7 days unless the person contacts the office of the clerk to
22 clarify the matter. A copy of the letter and of any subsequent information received
23 from or about the addressee shall be sent to the district attorney.

24 **SECTION 61.** 6.56 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 6.56 (5) Whenever any letter or postcard mailed under this section is returned
2 undelivered, or whenever the U.S. postal service notifies the clerk of an improper
3 address which was apparently improper on the day of the election or whenever it
4 otherwise appears that a person has voted who is not qualified or has voted more
5 than once in an election, and the person has been permitted to vote after
6 corroboration was made under s. 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~ or 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the name of the
7 corroborator shall also be provided to the district attorney.

8 **SECTION 62.** 6.56 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.56 (7) The board may elect to perform the duties of municipal clerks to
10 conduct the audits required under subs. (3) and (4) for any election on behalf of all
11 municipalities in the state. If the board so elects, the board shall, no later than the
12 date of the election for which the audits will be performed, notify the municipal clerk
13 of each municipality that the board will perform the audits.

14 **SECTION 63.** 6.79 (2) (d) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 265,
15 section 96, is amended to read:

16 6.79 (2) (d) The poll list indicates that ~~identification~~ proof of residence under
17 s. 6.34 is required, the officials shall require the elector to provide ~~identification~~ proof
18 of residence. If ~~identification~~ proof of residence is provided, the officials shall verify
19 that the name and address on the ~~identification~~ document submitted as proof of
20 residence provided is the same as the name and address shown on the registration
21 list. If ~~identification~~ proof of residence is required and not provided, the officials shall
22 offer the opportunity for the elector to vote under s. 6.97.

23 **SECTION 64.** 6.79 (2) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

24 6.79 (2) (dm) If the poll list indicates that the elector is ineligible to vote because
25 the elector's name appears on the current list provided by the department of

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1 corrections under s. 301.03 (20), the inspectors shall inform the elector of this fact.
2 If the elector maintains that he or she is eligible to vote in the election, the inspectors
3 shall provide the elector with a ballot and, after the elector casts his or her vote, shall
4 challenge the ballot as provided in s. 6.92 and treat the ballot in the manner provided
5 in s. 6.95.

6 **SECTION 65.** 6.79 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.79 (4) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION. When any elector provides acceptable
8 proof of residence under s. 6.15, 6.29 or 6.55 (2) ~~or (3)~~, the election officials shall enter
9 the type of identifying document provided on the poll list, or separate list maintained
10 under sub. (2) (c). If the document submitted as proof of identity or residence
11 includes a number which applies only to the individual holding that document, the
12 election officials shall also enter that number on the list. When any elector
13 corroborates the registration identity or residence of any person offering to vote
14 under s. 6.55 (2) (b) or (c) ~~or (3)~~, or the registration identity or residence of any person
15 registering on election day under s. 6.86 (3) (a) 2., the election officials shall also enter
16 the name and address of the corroborator next to the name of the elector whose
17 information is being corroborated on the poll list, or the separate list maintained
18 under sub. (2) (c). When any person offering to vote has been challenged and taken
19 the oath, following the person's name on the poll list, the officials shall enter the word
20 "Sworn".

21 **SECTION 66.** 6.82 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 6.82 (1) (a) When any inspectors are informed that an elector is at the entrance
23 to the polling place who as a result of disability is unable to enter the polling place,
24 they shall permit the elector to be assisted in marking a ballot by any individual
25 selected by the elector, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or

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1 an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector. The
2 individual selected by the elector shall provide ~~identification~~ proof of residence under
3 s. 6.34 for the assisted elector, whenever required, and all other information
4 necessary for the elector to obtain a ballot under s. 6.79 (2). The inspectors shall issue
5 a ballot to the individual selected by the elector and shall accompany the individual
6 to the polling place entrance where the assistance is to be given. If the ballot is a
7 paper ballot, the assisting individual shall fold the ballot after the ballot is marked
8 by the assisting individual. The assisting individual shall then immediately take the
9 ballot into the polling place and give the ballot to an inspector. The inspector shall
10 distinctly announce that he or she has "a ballot offered by (stating person's name),
11 an elector who, as a result of disability, is unable to enter the polling place without
12 assistance". The inspector shall then ask, "Does anyone object to the reception of this
13 ballot?" If no objection is made, the inspectors shall record the elector's name under
14 s. 6.79 and deposit the ballot in the ballot box, and shall make a notation on the poll
15 list: "Ballot received at poll entrance".

16 **SECTION 67.** 6.855 of the statutes is created to read:

17 **6.855 Alternate absentee ballot site.** (1) The governing body of a
18 municipality may elect to designate a site other than the office of the municipal clerk
19 or board of election commissioners as the location from which electors of the
20 municipality may request and vote absentee ballots and to which voted absentee
21 ballots shall be returned by electors for any election. The designated site shall be
22 located as near as practicable to the office of the municipal clerk or board of election
23 commissioners and no site may be designated that affords an advantage to any
24 political party. An election by a governing body to designate an alternate site under
25 this section shall be made no fewer than 14 days prior to the time that absentee

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1 ballots are available for the primary under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is scheduled
2 to be held, or at least 14 days prior to the time that absentee ballots are available for
3 the election under s. 7.15 (1) (cm), if a primary is not scheduled to be held, and shall
4 remain in effect until at least the day after the election. If the governing body of a
5 municipality makes an election under this section, no function related to voting and
6 return of absentee ballots that is to be conducted at the alternate site may be
7 conducted in the office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners.

8 (2) The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall prominently
9 display a notice of the designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) in the
10 office of the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners beginning on the date
11 that the site is designated under sub. (1) and continuing through the period that
12 absentee ballots are available for the election and for any primary under s. 7.15 (1)
13 (cm). If the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners maintains a Web site
14 on the Internet, the clerk or board of election commissioners shall post a notice of the
15 designation of the alternate site selected under sub. (1) on the Web site during the
16 same period that notice is displayed in the office of the clerk or board of election
17 commissioners.

18 (3) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be staffed by the municipal clerk or
19 the executive director of the board of election commissioners, or employees of the
20 clerk or the board of election commissioners.

21 (4) An alternate site under sub. (1) shall be accessible to all individuals with
22 disabilities.

23 **SECTION 68.** 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 6.86 (1) (a) (intro.) Any elector, qualifying who is registered to vote whenever
25 required and who qualifies under ss. 6.20 and 6.85 as an absent elector, may make

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1 written application to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by one of the following
2 methods:

3 **SECTION 69.** 6.86 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.86 (1) (a) 2. In person at the office of the municipal clerk or at an alternate
5 site under s. 6.855, if applicable.

6 **SECTION 70.** 6.86 (1) (a) 6. of the statutes is created to read:

7 6.86 (1) (a) 6. By electronic mail or facsimile transmission as provided in par
8 (ac).

9 **SECTION 71.** 6.86 (1) (ac) of the statutes is created to read:

10 6.86 (1) (ac) Any elector qualifying under par. (a) may make written application
11 to the municipal clerk for an official ballot by means of facsimile transmission or
12 electronic mail. Any application under this paragraph shall contain a copy of the
13 applicant's original signature. An elector requesting a ballot under this paragraph
14 shall return with the voted ballot a copy of the request bearing an original signature
15 of the elector as provided in s. 6.87 (4).

16 **SECTION 72.** 6.86 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 6.86 (1) (b) Except as provided in this section, if application is made ~~in writing~~
18 by mail, the application, signed by the elector, shall be received no later than 5 p.m.
19 on the Friday 5th day immediately preceding the election. If application is made in
20 person, the application shall be made no later than 5 p.m. on the day preceding the
21 election. If the elector ~~is making written application and the application indicates~~
22 that the reason for requesting an absentee ballot is that the elector is a sequestered
23 juror, the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on election day. If the
24 application is received after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election,
25 the municipal clerk or the clerk's agent shall immediately take the ballot to the court

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1 in which the elector is serving as a juror and deposit it with the judge. The judge shall
2 recess court, as soon as convenient, and give the elector the ballot. The judge shall
3 then witness the voting procedure as provided in s. 6.87 and shall deliver the ballot
4 to the clerk or agent of the clerk who shall deliver it to the polling place or, in
5 municipalities where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal
6 clerk as required in s. 6.88. If application is made under sub. (2), the application may
7 be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election.

8 **SECTION 73.** 6.86 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

9 6.86 (1) (c) If an application is made by mail by a military elector, as defined
10 in s. 6.22 (1) (b), the application shall be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Friday
11 immediately preceding the election.

12 **SECTION 74.** 6.86 (3) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 6.86 (3) (a) 2. If a hospitalized elector is not registered, the elector may register
14 by agent under this subdivision at the same time that the elector applies for an
15 official ballot by agent under subd. 1. To register the elector under this subdivision,
16 the agent shall present a completed registration form that contains the required
17 information supplied by the elector and the elector's signature, unless the elector is
18 unable to sign due to physical disability. In this case, the elector may authorize
19 another elector to sign on his or her behalf. Any elector signing a form on another
20 elector's behalf shall attest to a statement that the application is made on request
21 and by authorization of the named elector, who is unable to sign the form due to
22 physical disability. The agent shall present this statement along with all other
23 information required under this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in this
24 subdivision, the agent shall in every case provide acceptable proof of the elector's
25 residence under s. 6.55 ~~(7)~~ 6.34. If the elector is registering to vote in the general

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1 election and the agent presents a valid driver's license issued to the elector by
2 another state, the municipal clerk shall record on a separate list the name and
3 address of the elector, the name of the state, and the license number and expiration
4 date of the license. If the agent cannot present this proof of residence, the
5 registration form shall be signed and substantiated by another elector residing in the
6 elector's municipality of residence, corroborating the information in the form. The
7 form shall contain the full name and address of the corroborating elector. The agent
8 shall then present ~~acceptable~~ proof of the corroborating elector's residence under s.
9 ~~6.55 (7)~~ 6.34.

10 **SECTION 75.** 6.86 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 6.86 (3) (c) An application under par. (a) 1. may be made and a registration form
12 under par. (a) 2. may be filed in person at the office of the municipal clerk not earlier
13 than 7 days before an election and not later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.
14 A list of hospitalized electors applying for ballots under par. (a) 1. shall be made by
15 the municipal clerk and used to check that the electors vote only once, and by
16 absentee ballot. ~~If identification is required~~ the elector is registering for the election
17 after the close of registration or if the elector registered by mail and has not voted
18 in an election in this state, the municipal clerk shall ~~so~~ inform the agent that proof
19 of residence under s. 6.34 is required and the elector shall ~~enclose identification~~ proof
20 of residence under s. 6.34 in the envelope with the ballot. The ballot shall be sealed
21 by the elector and returned to the municipal clerk either by mail or by personal
22 delivery of the agent; but if the ballot is returned on the day of the election, the agent
23 shall make personal delivery at to the polling place serving the hospitalized elector's
24 residence before the closing hour ~~for the ballot to be counted~~ or, in municipalities

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1 where absentee ballots are canvassed under s. 7.52, to the municipal clerk no later
2 than 8 p.m. on election day.

3 **SECTION 76.** 6.865 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 6.865 (1) In this section, “military elector” and “overseas elector” have the
5 meanings given under s. ~~6.36 (2) (e)~~ 6.34 (1).

6 **SECTION 77.** 6.865 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 6.865 (3) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is ~~a~~
8 ~~military elector or~~ an overseas elector and the elector requests that he or she be sent
9 an absentee ballot for the next 2 general elections, the municipal clerk or board of
10 election commissioners shall comply with the request except that no ballot shall be
11 sent for a succeeding general election if the elector’s name appeared on the
12 registration list for a previous general election and no longer appears on the
13 registration list for the succeeding general election. If the elector’s address for the
14 succeeding general election is in a municipality that is different from the
15 municipality in which the elector resided for the first general election, the clerk or
16 board of election commissioners shall forward the request to the clerk or board of
17 election commissioners of the municipality where the elector resides.

18 **SECTION 78.** 6.865 (3m) of the statutes is created to read:

19 6.865 (3m) If the elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot is a
20 military elector, as defined in s. 6.34 (1), the request shall be treated as provided
21 under s. 6.22 (4).

22 **SECTION 79.** 6.87 (2) (form) of the statutes is amended to read:

23 6.87 (2) (form)

24 [STATE OF

25 County of]

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1 or

2 [(name of foreign country and city or other jurisdictional unit)]

3 I, ..., certify subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis. Stats., for false
4 statements, that I am a resident of the [... ward of the] (town) (village) of ..., or of
5 the ... aldermanic district in the city of ..., residing at ...* in said city, the county
6 of ..., state of Wisconsin, and am entitled to vote in the (ward) (election district) at
7 the election to be held on ...; that I am not voting at any other location in this election;
8 that I am unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in the (ward) (election
9 district) on election day or have changed my residence within the state from one ward
10 or election district to another within 10 days before the election. I certify that I
11 exhibited the enclosed ballot unmarked to the witness, that I then in (his) (her)
12 presence and in the presence of no other person marked the ballot and enclosed and
13 sealed the same in this envelope in such a manner that no one but myself and any
14 person rendering assistance under s. 6.87 (5), Wis. Stats., if I requested assistance,
15 could know how I voted.

16 Signed ...

17 Identification serial number, if any: ...

18 The witness shall execute the following:

19 I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties of s. 12.60 (1) (b), Wis.
20 Stats., for false statements, certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above
21 statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as there stated. I am not
22 a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent
23 municipal clerk). I did not solicit or advise the elector to vote for or against any
24 candidate or measure.

25(Name)

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1 (Address)**

2 * — An elector who provides an identification serial number issued under s.
3 6.47 (3), Wis. Stats., need not provide a street address.

4 ** — If this form is executed before 2 special voting deputies under s. 6.875 (6),
5 Wis. Stats., both deputies shall witness and sign.

6 **SECTION 80.** 6.87 (3) (a) and (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

7 6.87 (3) (a) Except as authorized under par. (d) and as otherwise provided in
8 s. 6.875, the municipal clerk shall mail the absentee ballot ~~postage prepaid for return~~
9 to the elector's residence unless otherwise directed by the elector, or shall deliver it
10 to the elector personally at the clerk's office or at an alternate site under s. 6.855.
11 If the ballot is mailed, and the ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under
12 federal free postage laws, the clerk shall affix the appropriate legend required by
13 U.S. postal regulations. Otherwise, the clerk shall pay the postage required for
14 return when the ballot is mailed from within the United States. If the ballot is not
15 mailed by the absentee elector from within the United States, the absentee elector
16 shall provide return postage. If the ballot is delivered to the elector at the clerk's
17 office, or an alternate site under s. 6.855, the ballot shall be voted at the office or
18 alternate site and may not be removed by the elector therefrom.

19 (b) No elector may direct that a ballot be sent to the address of a candidate,
20 political party or other registrant under s. 11.05 unless the elector permanently or
21 temporarily resides at that address. Upon receipt of reliable information that an
22 address given by an elector is not eligible to receive ballots under this ~~paragraph~~
23 subsection, the municipal clerk shall refrain from sending mailing or transmitting
24 ballots to that address. Whenever possible, the municipal clerk shall notify an

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1 elector if his or her ballot cannot be mailed or transmitted to the address directed by
2 the elector.

3 **SECTION 81.** 6.87 (3) (c) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 82.** 6.87 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 6.87 (3) (d) A municipal clerk ~~of a municipality~~ may, if the clerk is reliably
6 informed by an absent elector of a facsimile transmission number or electronic mail
7 address where the elector can receive an absentee ballot, transmit a facsimile or
8 electronic copy of the absent elector's ballot to that elector in lieu of mailing under
9 this subsection if, in the judgment of the clerk, the time required to send the ballot
10 through the mail may not be sufficient to enable return of the ballot by the time
11 provided under sub. (6). An elector may receive an absentee ballot under this
12 subsection only if the elector has filed a valid application for the ballot under ~~sub. s.~~
13 6.86 (1). If the clerk transmits an absentee ballot under this paragraph, the clerk
14 shall also transmit a facsimile or electronic copy of the text of the material that
15 appears on the certificate envelope prescribed in sub. (2), together with instructions
16 prescribed by the board. The instructions shall require the absent elector to make
17 and subscribe to the certification as required under sub. (4) and to enclose the
18 absentee ballot in a separate envelope contained within a larger envelope, that shall
19 include the completed certificate. The elector shall then affix sufficient postage
20 unless the absentee ballot qualifies for mailing free of postage under federal free
21 postage laws and shall mail the absentee ballot ~~with postage prepaid~~ to the
22 municipal clerk. Except as authorized in s. 6.97 (2), an absentee ballot received
23 under this paragraph shall not be counted unless it is cast in the manner prescribed
24 in this paragraph and in accordance with the instructions provided by the board.